

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**2A
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Thierry CHAPUS et al. : Examiner: Unassigned

Serial No.: Unassigned : Group Art Unit: Unassigned

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For: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS EMPLOYING A PLURALITY OF CATALYTIC BEDS IN SERIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LOW SULPHUR GAS OIL****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the Abstract attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 1, insert

--PROCESS AND APPARATUS EMPLOYING A PLURALITY OF CATALYTIC BEDS IN SERIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LOW SULPHUR GAS OIL--Page 1, Line 20: Delete "**PRIOR ART**" and insert **--RELATED ART--**.Page 3, Line 1: Delete "**DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**" and insert **--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**.